

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for a knowledgebase framework in a background finder, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) receiving a search input concerning an upcoming meeting;
 - (ab) obtaining information relating to the upcoming meeting from at least one source utilizing a network as a function of the search input;
 - (bc) generating a knowledge model-based index for the obtained information using a knowledge model, wherein the generated knowledge model-based index comprises a plurality of items each associated with at least some of the obtained information;
 - (ed) displaying the knowledge model-based index to a user utilizing the network;
 - (de) permitting the user to select at least one of the items of the knowledge model-based index; and
 - (ef) displaying the information associated with the selected item to the user utilizing the network.
2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one source comprises an internal source.
3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one source comprises an external source accessible utilizing a wide are network.
4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information obtained from the sources includes pharmaceutical information.
5. (Previously Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of monitoring at least one of the sources utilizing the network for updated information relating to at least one of the items of the knowledge model-based index, generating a notice regarding the updated information, and transmitting the notice to the user utilizing the network.

6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 5, wherein the user selects the at least one source to be monitored.

7. (Previously Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of permitting the user to input a search term utilizing the network, searching the knowledge model-based index for items associated with the search term, and displaying items of the knowledge model-based index associated with the search term to the user utilizing the network.

8. (Previously Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein displaying the information associated with the selected item to the user includes utilizing the network to retrieve the associated information from the source from which the associated information was obtained.

9. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is capable of communicating using TCP/IP protocol.

10. (Twice Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for a knowledgebase framework in a background finder, comprising:

- (a) a code segment that receives a search input concerning an upcoming meeting;
- (ab) a code segment that obtains information relating to the upcoming meeting from at least one source utilizing a network as a function of the search input;
- (bc) a code segment that generates a knowledge model-based index for the obtained information using a knowledge model; wherein the generated knowledge model-based index comprises a plurality of items each associated with at least some of the obtained information;
- (ed) a code segment that displays the knowledge model-based index to a user utilizing the network;
- (de) a code segment that permits the user to select at least one of the items of the knowledge model-based index; and
- (ef) a code segment that displays the information associated with the selected item to the user utilizing the network.

11. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 10, wherein the at least one source comprises an internal source.

12. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 10, wherein the at least one source comprises an external source accessible utilizing a wide are network.

13. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 10, wherein the information obtained from the sources includes pharmaceutical information.

14. (Previously Amended) A computer program as recited in claim 10, further comprising a code segment that monitors at least one of the sources utilizing the network for updated information relating to at least one of the items of the knowledge model-based index, a code segment that generates a notice regarding the updated information, and a code segment that transmits the notice to the user utilizing the network.

15. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 14, wherein the user selects the at least one source to be monitored.

16. (Previously Amended) A computer program as recited in claim 10, further comprising a code segment that permits the user to input a search term utilizing the network, a code segment that searches the knowledge model-based index for items associated with the search term, and a code segment that displays items of the knowledge model-based index associated with the search term to the user utilizing the network.

17. (Previously Amended) A computer program as recited in claim 10, wherein displaying the information associated with the selected item to the user includes utilizing the network to retrieve the associated information from the source from which the associated information was obtained.

18. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 10, wherein the network is capable of communicating using TCP/IP protocol.

19. (Twice Amended) A system for a knowledgebase framework in a background funder, comprising:

- (a) logic that receives a search input concerning an upcoming meeting;
- (ab) logic that obtains information relating to the upcoming meeting from at least one source utilizing a network as a function of the search input;
- (bc) logic that generates a knowledge model-based index for the obtained information using a knowledge model, wherein the generated knowledge model-based index comprises a plurality of items each associated with at least some of the obtained information;
- (ed) logic that displays the knowledge model-based index to a user utilizing the network;
- (eg) logic that permits the user to select at least one of the items of the knowledge model-based index; and
- (ef) logic that displays the information associated with the selected item to the user utilizing the network.

20. (Previously Amended) A system as recited in claim 19, further comprising logic that monitors at least one of the sources utilizing the network for updated information relating to at least one of the items of the knowledge model-based index, logic that generates a notice regarding the updated information, and logic that transmits the notice to the user utilizing the network.